Officials and Citizens in Illi nois Pledge Aid to Reduce High Cost of Living.

FAVOR PRICE STAMP BILL

Campaign to Spread to All Communities, Large and Small, in Nation.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Attorney-General Mitchell Palmer began in this city A Mitchell Fainer bogan in the co-day a nationwide campaign on plans of his own to reduce the high cost of living. To an audience of 400 men and women, official and heads of civic organizations, he explained a plan which be estimated would bring a reduction of 25 per cent, and asked for a support that was unhesitatingly pledged. As part of his plan the Attorney-Gen-eral prescribed five general measures. They were:

The organization of fair price committees in every community to be led by municipal and State officials in support of the course of United States Attorneys in general investigations and prosecutions of profiteers. Propaganda among women to cause

them to refuse to buy anything but actual necessities until prices are The systematic arrangement of

conservation and economy meetings in every community. Propaganda to prevent industrial disturbance, with efforts to bring about a formal truce of six menths

between capital and labor. Remobilization of the four minute men to delived "work and save" addresses in theatres and at public meeting places each evening.

The conference was called by Gov Prank O. Lowden. Major A. A. Sprague chief of the Illinois Fair Price Bureau. was chairman. He described the or-ganisation already pertected in Illinois to support the campaign undertaken by the Attorney-General.

Plans for Illinois Campuign.

"I have divided Illinois into twelve vestigators, whose work is to be supple-mented by the State Council of Defence, which performed such spiendid work dur-ing the war. I also have another auxiliary committee of 8,600 women throughout the State, who will person-ally visit every grocery and butcher shop and every kind of a retail store. I will ask convictions.

The public schools will be used in this fight Every school child will be an asociate member of our big committee. We intend to have an 'economy week' light after the holidays. Butcher shops will be asked to display the cheaper cuts of meat in their windows with the price tags attached and with recipes showing low these cuts of meat can be prepared

"We shall ask the department stores to give us window displays, where we can show the young men and women how to inexpensive clothing. We shall also ask the banks to put on a special educational campaign on thrift. We are now at work organizing at home ecocommittee, which will go among the domestic workers and point out to them methods of saving."

Palmer Explains Purposes.

The Attorney-General described the efforts being made to get Congress to least they can go to the convention un-continue the operation of the Lever control law for six months after the dec-

every line of trade there have been selfish and greedy men who have taken advan-tage of after war conditions to add to them to public scorn, and, if necessary. the President.

It was learned yesterday that a w

"We must urge the people to stop in we must urge the people to step in-dusting in the saturnalia of extriva-gance that has been the role since the alguing of the armistice. Merchants are shouting. 'Buy now!' My advice is, do not buy now. Wait for lower bridge, When the demand lessens, prices must fell inevitable." fall inevitably."

night which they supposed was whiskey reconvening of Congress after the at a party at Mrs. White's house. Both Christmas recess.
died to-day. The authorities say they President Wilso were polaoned. The liquor was home Mr. Glass's successor as Secretary of the brewed.

\$5,000 IS GONE FROM STOLEN BANKROLL National City Clerk Has \$2

Left When Arrested.

in a hotel at Eighth avenue and Carty-ninth street yesterday and held R Po-lice Headquarters charged with the theft of \$11,000 from the National City Bank, The theft is alleged to have taken place prior to-August 16, when he went to Al-lantic City with another man and two young women. He was traced by Deton- LAST FUEL BAN LIFTED of the Wall street force of the Police Department through letters he wrote to

mail department. He is slieged to cave stolen two registered letters from West-

that after his companions had left him at Atlantic City he discovered that the tion strike cottlement agreement, was rolls of money which he said at times; told by Tracy W. Guthrie, president of the had been in the care of one of the young Hillman Coal and Coke Company, that women had been tampered with In one clause in the proposition advanced for \$26 and \$100 bills and the total 10- by President Wilson and accepted by duced by \$5,000.

Will Step Out if the President Decides to Try for Third

Nothing developed yesterday to inficate that former Ambassador James W. Gerard had any important backing for the Democratic nomination for President, for which a minority petition was filed on Monday under the South Dakota

he had been advised to do it to prevent the possibility of the delegates going by default to Attorney-General A. Mitchell the Democratic proposal convention to succeed themselves. If the President does not file his petition personally be-fore January 1 it is understood the chairman of the proposal committee would have the chance to file a substitution. Mr. Gerard was told that the chairman of this committee, which is analogous to the committee on vacancies in this State, was a Palmer man, and would probably substitute the name of the Attorney-General.

Mr. Gerard declared that if Presiden Wilson decided to be a candidate for a third term he would withdraw his candi-

The action of Mr. Gerard indicates his belief that President Wilson will not b

of Mr. Gerard a chance to escape as embarrassing situation. They are no

It is understood that Mr. McAdoo probably will not file a petition in South "I am not worried over what may hap- Dakota After yesterday, a man ma; pen to retail dealers." said Mr. Palmer. get on the ballot only by getting a cer have had their barvest time. In tain number of signatures to a personal

Amplifying his declaration of princ tage of after war conditions to add to their prices and profits. such men are profiters and I purpose to use all of the power I have to root them out, expose had been brought back from France by

"If we can get a law requiring the man probably would be one of the delemanufacturer's price to be stamped on gates-at-large to the Democratic Na his products we will stop profitering. If then Convention from this State, Elisa you see \$4.50 plainly stamped on a pair both Marbury, a play broker and pro es you are not going to pay \$18 ducer, who has been prominent in man

GLASS TO RESIGN JANUARY 1.

To Take Seat as Senator After the

January 1. He will take his seat Easton, Pa., Dec. 15,-Betty White Senate as successor to the late Senator A. Labar drank a liquid last | Martin of Virginia immediately upon the President Wilson has not yet selected

MINE WAGE RAISE OF 28 PER. CT. SEEN

Proposition Means That, Guthrie Tells Senate Investigators.

Coal Now Delivered to Original Consignees by Rail Administrators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- The Senate coal investigating committee, resuming the miners would "bring about an in- and disputes over differentials. All precrease in the miners' wages at least doubling the 14 per cent., which Dr. Harry A. Garfield, Regional Fuel Administrator, thought justified."

While the Senate committee was pursuing its inquiry the Railroad Administration withdraw the last semblances of the restrictions on fuel resulting from the strike and began delivering coa to original consignees instead of distributing it to points of greatest need It rescinded the empargo on the move ment of fuel oil out of the West, and the orders reducing the amount of coal permitted to go to coking ovens.

The Senatorial inquiry was reopened with the calling of R. V. Morris, engineer of the Fuel Administration, who was conducted by Senator Frelinghuysen (New Jersey), chairman of the committee, and Senator Townsend (Michigan). through a mase of statistics bearing on abor costs and prices of necessities.

Increase Is Explained.

"Secretary of Labor Wilson proposes that the miners be given an increase of 21.5 per cent," Mr. Norris explained, "because he based his calculations on

"Dr. Garfield decided that a particular "Dr. Garfield decided that a particular wage group ought not to serve now as particular wage group ought not to serve now as Privisetics, Kan., Dec. 16.—Alexander wage group ought not to serve now as Privisetics, Kan., Dec. 16.—Alexander a basis for calculation and took the Howat, president of miners of District 14, declared to-night that he feared no had a clear conscience average of all workers. After arriving at that he found that an addition of 14 per ecnt to their earnings would compensate them for the cost of living since the last adjustments were made." Mr. Guthrie was called to present actual facts from payrolis on wages.

Made \$18.50 a Day.

From mine accounts he read the record of one miner who in 187 days of the present year sarried \$5,070, or an average of \$16,50 a day. He paid \$73 rentor a 'company house' during the period, and his fuel bill was \$5. Other records furnished showed earnings during the first nine months of 1919 ranging from \$1,400 to \$2,100 for pick and machina

Senator Walcott (Del.) drew out Mr. Guthrie's view of the claimed double in-crease in miners' wages involved in the settlement by observing that Dr. Gar-field's proposal was the same as that put forth by the President.

"As I read the memorandum giver out by Attorney-General Palmer," Mr. Guthris replied, "it is proposed to set up a commission with power to fix wago scales and, coal prices. One of the, things this commission is to do is to go back to the mine districts and settle what are known as internal differences vious agreements between the miner and the operators have provided that these difficulties shall be compromised in a fashion that will not add to the the men. The Government's proposal, as I view it, may result in twice the 14 per increase in miners' wages and mining costs that Dr. Garfield was will-

WRITS AGAINST MINE CHIEFS TO GO OVER

Kansas Unionist Only One Who Will Be Prosecuted.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18 .- Except as to Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers of America, charges of conempt of court against eighty-four officials of that organization to-day were continued by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson until such a time as the Government or altorneys or the defence again wished to bring them be-

fare the court.
The case against Howat, who with the pay given pick miners. In 1917, other officials was alleged to have vio-when the coal mine wages were read-lated the Federal court injunction justed, the pick miners were getting the against furtherance of the strike, will greatest amount, and the scales were balanced up by giving them a lesser ing. He is charged by the Government increase than, other classes of labor with continuing in his violation of the



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\$600,000 Fire Less in Toledo. /Tolono, Ohio, Dec. 16,—Several hundred sutomobile bodies and more than

twenty electric automobiles were destroyed in a fire which to-day destroyed the large east wing of the Milburn Wagou Company's plant here, causing loss estimated at \$200,000. Approxi-mately 1,000 men were thrown out of work temperarily.

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around the mines. This was necessary injunction by using his influence to keep to induce men to do the other work.

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A local strike in Kansas in force. Predicts Return of Imperial Re-

> gime in Germany. Brig.-Gen. Harries, former chief of the American Military Commission at Berlin, speaking at a monthly luncheon of the New York Electrical League yeswrong. I hope that the time has not terday, criticised the decline of the war come when it will be considered a crime spirit and declared that the European to stand in defence of a body of honest situation is filled with danger of new

"There appears to be an illusion over here that the late war was the last war," said Gen. Harries. "I would like to take some of the people who have this illusion on a trip through Europe. The men who insisted that there should be an armistice are not there now to enforce it. We did not determine a Angle boundary in Europe that means any

Gen. Harries predicted that German unrest would lead to the return of the imperial government, with Ludendorff or Von Hindenburg as dictator.

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ern banks and to have covered the theft of the contents by false entries. The police said that Ehrman told them:

Ehrman was born in Panama. His mother, who is a widow, lives in Yen-

GERARD IN RACE TO DEFEAT PALMER

Term.

primary law. districts," Major Sprague said. "Each Palmer. President Wilson and Vice-district has its own commander. We President Marshall were the choices of have a well organized committee of in-

> Asked if he considered himself a fullplied: "I consider myself a full-fledged

anxious at this time to the up with either Palmer or with William G. Mc-Adoo. As Mr. Gerard had been the can-didate of the New York State democ-racy for United States Senator in 1914. they can take the position that they must support him for President. At

petition.

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